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**ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD DECISION  
File No: ANE 06-125 India ETD SO14 INHP III/CARE**

**PROGRAM/ACTIVITY DATA:**

**Country Code-SO:** 386-014

**SO Name:** Improved Health and Reduced Fertility in Targeted Areas of India

**Country or Region:** India

**Activity Name:** Integrated Nutrition and Health Project III (INHP III)/CARE

**Funding Begin:** FY 2007

**Funding End:** FY 2009

**LOP Amount:** \$37,000,000

**Sub-Activity Amount:**

**CE/IEE Prepared by:** Steve Hollingworth, Country Director, CARE **Date:** July 6, 2006

**IEE Amendment (Y/N):** N **If "Yes," Number @ Date of Original IEE:**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED:** (Place X where applicable)

**Categorical Exclusion:** ☒

**Deferral:** ☐

**Positive Determination:** ☐

**Negative Determination:** ☐

**With Conditions:** ☐

**Exemption:** ☐

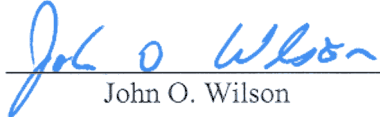
**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

USAID/India conducted its Integrated Nutrition and Health Project (INHP) I in 1996-2001 and is completing its INHP II in 2001-2006, both under IEEs which recommended Categorical Exclusions. Its new INHP III will: 1) work with health service providers to improve the quality and coverage of maternal and child health and nutrition services and to influence key-systems performance; and 2) promote community empowerment and sustainability of improved health and nutrition activities. INHP III will provide technical assistance, capacity building, and system strengthening, and program administration costs. The Indian Ministry of Environment and Forest issued a notification on Bio-Medical Waste Management under the Environment (Protection) Act in 1998. INHP III implementing partner, CARE, will reinforce these waste-disposal techniques in the training curricula. No construction activities are envisioned under the INHP III task order. No adverse impacts on the environment are anticipated.

INHP III activities will not have any direct adverse environmental impacts and qualify for **Categorical Exclusion** per 22 CFR 216.2 (c)(2)(i) as "education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment," per 22 CFR 216.2 (c)(2)(viii) as "programs involving nutrition, health care or population and family planning services except to the extent designed to include activities directly affecting the environment," and per 22 CFR 216.2 (c)(2)(x) as "programs of material or child feeding conducted under Title II of Public Law 480."

**APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS:**

Bureau Environmental Officer

  
John O. Wilson

Date: July 11, 2006

Approved: ☒

Disapproved: ☐

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# ANE 06125 India IEE 5014 INHP III

## INITIAL ENVIRONMENT EXAMINATION (IEE)

### Request for Categorical Exclusion (CE)

PROGRAM ACTIVITY DATA**386-014**

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY : PI. 480 Title II Program

NUMBER : Strategic Objective 14

COUNTRY/REGION : India / multiple states

PROGRAM TITLE : Integrated Nutrition and Health Project III

FUNDING BEGIN : FY 2007

FUNDING END : FY 2009

LOP AMOUNT : \$ 37 M

IEE PREPARED BY : Steve Hollingworth / Country Director- CARE India

DATE : July 6, 2006

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Categorical Exclusion : (X) Negative Determination  
 Positive Determination : ( ) Deferral

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

Briefly described under are the activities implemented or proposed and those deferred. Justify the reasons for the recommended action(s) and cite appropriate sections of Reg 216 as needed. For IIEs reproduced here the Summary Section of the IIE narrative, and/or Section 2 of the Request for Categories Exclusion:

Background and Activity Description

The IEE was conducted for the earlier phases of the program, INHP I (1996-2001) and

program that is intended to improve health and nutrition status of women and children across nine states of India. To achieve this CARE and its partners will:

- Work with service providers to improve the quality and coverage of maternal and child health and nutrition services and to influence the performance of key systems.
- Promote community empowerment and sustainability of improved health and nutrition activities.

INHP III will provide technical assistance, capacity building and system strengthening and program administration costs. The INHP program aims to promote convergence of service delivery systems at all levels. The project is implemented in approximately 1040 blocks across nine states: Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

The ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India issued a notification on Bio-Medical Waste Management under the Environment (Protection) Act in 1998. Accordingly proper Waste disposal techniques are included in training curricula in the program. CARE will reinforce these messages during capacity building session with medical personal.

## 2 Justification for Categorical Exclusion Request

The INHP III activities consist exclusively of technical assistance, capacity building and advocacy activities under the Title II (Public Law 480) and program administration costs. These activities are clearly within the class of program listed in paragraph (c) (1) "Categorical Exclusions" of Section 216.2 "Applicability of Procedures" of Title 22. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 216, Agency, Environmental Procedures" The Agency Environmental Procedures criteria for Categorical Exclusions state that Initial Environmental Examination, Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement generally are not required for:

- "Education technical assistance or training progress except to the extent such program include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.)"
- "Program involving nutrition, health care or population and family planning services except to the extent, designed to include activities directly affecting the environment ( such as construction of facilities, water supply system, waste water treatment, etc.)"
- "Program of maternal or child feeding conducted under "Title II of public Law 480"

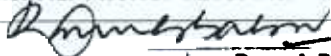
{Please refer to 22 CFR 216.2 (c) (2) (I) (viii) and (xi)}

3. No construction activities are envisioned under this Task Order and therefore no adverse impacts on the environment are anticipated
4. Under Regulation 216.2(c)(2)(i) (Applicability of Environment Procedures), education, technical assistance or training programs, except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.) are categorically excluded. A recommendation of categorical exclusion is, therefore, made.

### APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENT ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Clearance:

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